

The content of this bachelor graduation thesis is the life and activity of Eleonor countess of Kaunitz, born as Voračický of Pabienitz and Bissingen, a noblewoman in 19th century. Eleonor came into being as the oldest of six daughters. Her family was very patriotic and met famous czech intelligence coming from middle class. She took up there her further opinions and activities. In 1828 she married Michal Karel count of Kaunitz and gave him ten children. Their harmonious relationship ended unexpectedly in 1852, when Michal Karel suddenly died. As a dowager she educated her children and then returned to charity, philanthropy, benefaction and patronage. She felt as Czech and speak czech, in contrast to most of other aristocracy in Czech countries. In 1855 the famous czech author Božena Němcová donated Eleonor her best known work – The Grandmother. Countess Kaunitz died in 1898 and she is buried not in the family tomb, but according to her wish, in the Vyšehrad cemetery, „among the celebrated Czechs“.